GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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RATIONAL POLICY REGARDING SUGAR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a Rational Policy regarding Sugar Industry at national level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be laid on the table of the House?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a), (b) & (c) : Government is pursuing a Sugar Policy which protects the interest ofconsumers, cane growers and the sugar industry. Necessary changes in the Sugar Policy aremade from time to time depending upon the exigencies of the situation. For example, in the recent past, Government reduced the levy obligation on domestic sugar industry from 40% to 30% w.e.f. 1.1.2000; and also shifted the population base from 1991 to projected population as on 1.3.1999 for levy sugar distribution.